

# What Does The Arc Do?

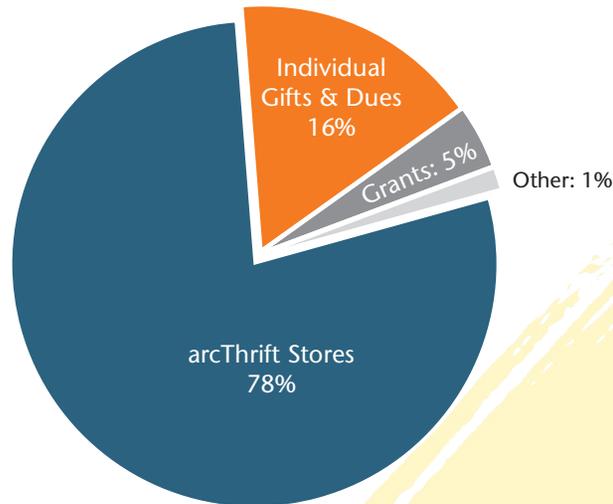
The Arc works to ensure that the estimated 13,000 people with I/DD in Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties have the services and supports they need to become valued, contributing members of their communities and achieve their dreams. We do this through:

- **Individual Advocacy** – giving personal support and guidance to individuals and families
- **Trainings** – touching all points along the journey of and for people with I/DD
- **Legislative and Systemic Advocacy** – ensuring the human and civil rights of people with disabilities are protected
- **Sponsorship of Self-Advocacy Groups** – providing leadership and service opportunities for individuals with I/DD
- **Community Outreach and Events** – working to open hearts and minds to create a community that embraces people with disabilities



## How Is The Arc Funded?

The Arc – Jefferson, Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties receives no Federal, State or Local government funding. Funding sources include the arcThrift Stores, grants and most importantly, *gifts from individuals* who believe in our work.



## How Can I Get Involved?

To learn more about The Arc, please visit our website at [www.arcjc.org](http://www.arcjc.org). You can also:

- **Read our Weekly eUpdate** – sign up to receive our email newsletter and get to know what's happening at The Arc
- **Become a Member** – join The Arc movement and demonstrate your support of civil and human rights for everyone
- **Donate** – make a tax-deductible contribution to support our work
- **Volunteer** – help with special events and spread the word about The Arc



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For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities



## Who is The Arc?

You may know The Arc best by the donation trucks often seen driving through our neighborhoods, or by visiting the arcThrift Stores which bring in revenue that helps to **support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities** (I/DD). But did you know that The Arc does so much more? If you have a child, family member, or someone else in your life diagnosed with **Autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome**, or one of the countless other developmental disabilities, you will quickly come to realize just how invaluable The Arc is, and come to appreciate all that The Arc does.

**Achieve with us.**

## Imagine This ...

Your five-year-old son who has Autism is sent home from his first day of Kindergarten with a letter from the principal. It reads, "Dear Parent, Your son Trevor's behavior in class is entirely too disruptive and we do not believe that he belongs in our school." You feel stunned and unsure of what to do. *What are your rights as a parent? How do you proceed to ensure that your child has the right supports to be successful in school? Where do you turn for information and guidance?* **The Arc is here to help.**

## Now imagine This ...

You're 85 years old and not well. Your 60-year-old daughter who has Down syndrome has happily lived with you throughout her entire life. Unfortunately, you know that you won't live forever. You worry constantly about the future. *Who will care for her when you're gone? Does she need a guardian or will another arrangement be better for her? How do you sort through the options?* **The Arc is here to help.**

## And This ...

You're an adult self-advocate (person with I/DD) who enjoys living independently and working at a local department store. One day, your landlord decides he would like to rent your apartment to his brother-in-law and asks you to leave by the end of the week. That doesn't seem right to you, but you don't know what to do next. *Do you have to move? What are your rights as a tenant? Is there anyone you can count on to help you understand the "lawyer-speak" in your lease?* **The Arc is here to help.**

## The Arc Movement

Founded in 1961, The Arc - Jefferson, Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties is one of more than 700 chapters of The Arc across the United States. More than 140,000 members strong, we are a part of the largest national organization of and for people with I/DD and their families, promoting and protecting their human rights and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. We foster respect and access, giving people with I/DD the power to achieve full and satisfying lives.

